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SUBJECT: RESURGENCE OF BUREAUCRATIZATION FEARED

1. EXCESSIVE BUREAUCRATIZATION - A MALADY OF CHINA'S PRE-CULTURAL REVOLUTION PERIOD - IS AGAIN EVIDENT AND PRESENTS A THREAT TO GRASPING REVOLUTION AND PROMOTING PRODUCTION, SO REPORTS THE "PEOPLE'S DAILY" (LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, 12 MAY 1977). THE ARTICLE SCORES A NUMBER OF LOCAL ENTERPRISES IN KIANGSU PROVINCE FOR HAVING INCREASED THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAUCRACIES THREE-FOLD AND NON-PRODUCTIVE MANPOWER BY AS MUCH AS 20 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL WORKFORCE SINCE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. THE GROWING COMPLEXITIES OF A BURDENSOME BUREAUCRACY ARE COMPARED SHARPLY WITH THE SIMPLE ADMINISTRATIVE METHODS OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION ERA. IN THE WRITER'S PLANT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FOUR ADMINISTRATIVE SECTIONS THAT WERE REDUCED TO THREE IN THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION HAVE NOW GROWN INTO FIVE SECTIONS AND ONE OFFICE.

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2. AS THE NEW REGIME ATTEMPTS TO RE-ESTABLISH THE PARTY'S LEADERSHIP AS A GUIDING FORCE IN INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT, THE TENDECY TOWARD INCREASED BUREAUCRATIZATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BECOME STRONGER. EFFORTS TO COMBAT SUCH BUREAUCRATIC RESURGENCE ARE EVIDENT IN BOTH THE TACHING AND TACHAI CAMPAIGNS

AND FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN DISCUSSIONS AT THE RECENT
NATIONAL TACHING INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE. THE ARTICLE
ILLUSTRATES GRAPHICALLY PEKING'S GROWING CONCERN
WITH SOME OBVIOUS PITFALLS IN RETURNING TO A MORE
CONVENTIONAL, INSTITUTIONALIZED SOCIETY THROUGH
INCREASED CENTRALIZATION.
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